

Sioux Empire Amateur Radio Club
February 9, 2016
Business Meeting Minutes

The Meeting was called to order at 20:00 CST

January Minutes:

- The minutes of the January Business meeting were read and approved.

Treasurers Report:

- The report was read and approved. The club balance stands at \$8,197.85.

The State of SEARC:

- New SEARC President Will (KE0Z) gave his current thoughts on the state of SEARC.
- Praise was given to current club members, along with encouragement for additional participation in club activities and comities.

2016 Committee Arrangement:

- Entertainment
- Technical
- Training
- Publicity
- Field Day
- Programs

VE Testing:

- From February's VE testing we've got 2 new Ham's. Both are Technicians.
- We also got 2 Ham's elevated from General to Extra.

Technical:

- The new radio purchase was discussed, and it was decided to wait on it until the March meeting.
- Notes on the units we're looking at are posted on W0ZWY.org
- The TS 590 has been brought back from the SKYWARN event.

General Class:

- There is plenty of interest in holding another series of classes to help Technicians learn & study for their General Exam.
 - Attendees will be responsible for getting their own current copy of the ARRL General handbook.
 - A questionnaire will be sent out to all interested parties.
 - Bill will make sure the Minnehaha County Emergency Management Building is available.
- Sheila is currently looking over the ARRL classroom materials.
- The ARRL recommends at least 9 classes.
 - The SEARC members present decided on 8 classes.
 - The classes would take place on the following Saturdays.
 - 3/12, 3/19, 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, 5/7
 - The classes would be from 9am to 12pm, with the last day being a VE Test session.

Equipment for Sale:

- There's a 90 foot tower available for whoever wants it.
 - North of Beresford.
 - A crane will be required for disassembly.
 - If you can take it down, it's yours.

Public:

- The Olly learning program was discussed.
 - It was discussed about showing a video about Ham Radio.
- Ham Radio Call sign Plates
 - Cost currently is a first-time fee of \$10, with standard renewal fees.
 - Send a copy of your FCC License straight to Pierre.

Programs:

- A "How to" class on Soldering.
 - Bill has a few projects in mind.
 - Maybe something for next month, however we'll see.
- Arduino Class
 - QST has a few recommended projects.
 - You need to know a few things about electronics before attempting these projects.

Activities:

- International DX Contest.
 - 3/5 through 3/6
 - South Dakota is in high demand during this contest.
 - The Minnehaha Emergency Management building is a tough site to do this from. More power is recommended.
- Stampede Hockey Team Non-Profit Night
 - 3/15
 - Cost is \$200 for 20 tickets, \$250 for 30 tickets.
 - There was not enough interest in going to this event this year.

ARES Report:

- ARES January Meeting occurred as planned.
- MS Walk & MS Bike
 - Scott Aldren from the MS Society attended this month's SEARC meeting.
 - Currently he's looking over this year's route.
 - The route will be different due to road construction.
 - More will be known by the March meeting.
 - Signup for the MS Bike was passed around during this month's SEARC meeting.

Net Control:

- This month: Will (KE0Z).
- Saturday Morning Trader Net: ?